

Specifically, JP 2003-038287 (with a filing date of February 17, 2003) and JP 2003-056966 (with a filing date of March 4, 2003) pre-date Lee, which has a U.S. filing date of October 24, 2003. Certified translations of priority documents JP 2003-038287 and JP 2003-056966 are attached. Accordingly, Lee is not prior art and the rejections are therefore moot.

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention paragraphs [0035], [0071], [0073], [0076] and [0078]-[0079] of JP 2003-056966, and paragraphs [0041]-[0042] and [0081] of JP 2003-038287.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Certified Translation of Priority Document JP 2003-038287
Certified Translation of Priority Document JP 2003-056966

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